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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL - HELICOPTERS: DELIVERY
AND PILOT TRAINING

REF: (A) RANGOON 769; (B) RANGOON 894

1. WE AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSAL PARA 2 REF A AND WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, IF NECESSARY, TO SHIP THE FIRST TWO AIRCRAFT AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE, THUS HAVING THEM ARRIVE IN RANGOON DURING EARLY JUNE. HOWEVER, BELL TOLD US APRIL 7 THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THERE WILL BE LESS DELAY THAN ORIGINALLY BELIEVED. THEREFORE, PERHAPS IT WILL BE UNNECESSARY TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ANYWAY. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED ON THIS POINT.

2. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE THINK IT IS INADVISABLE TO ALTER THE CALL-FORWARD DATE OF THE INSTRUCTOR PILOTS.

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THE FIRST HELICOPTER WILL BE COMING OFF THE LINE AROUND

MID-APRIL AND THUS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING WHEN THE PILOTS BEGIN THEIR COURSE ON APRIL 28. COURSE WILL LAST UNTIL MAY 16 WHICH INCLUDES ONE-WEEK TRANSITIONAL TRAINING ON THE HELICOPTERS AND ASSOCIATED CLASSROOM WORK. MEN ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN WASHINGTON WEEK-END OF APRIL 18 FOR USUAL ORIENTATION BRIEFINGS BEFORE

PROCEEDING TO FORT WORTH.

3. FYI: TWO RADIO TRADESMEN HAVE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON AND WILL BEGIN THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMS ON APRIL 14. END FYI. KISSINGER

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